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SUMMARY: JUNE SAW GOOD FORWARD MOTION ON PLANS FOR THE NEXT INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN, AS (A) AN INTERAGENCY GROUP OF WASHINGTON EXPERTS MET WITH GOM COUNTERPARTS TO MAP OUT CAMPAIGN STRATEGY AND REQUIREMENTS; (B) WE EFFECTED A NEW AGREEMENT PROVIDING UP TO \$4.3 MILLION IN MATERIAL AND TRAINING SUPPORT; AND (C) THE DEPUTY AG SAID THE GOM PLANNED AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN IN THREE ZONES. HARD LANDINGS PRODUCED SOME \$100,000 IN HELICOPTER DAMAGE, BUT TO BALANCE IT WORK BEGAN ON THE AG'S NEW HANGAR FACILITY. THE GOM ADHERENCE TO THE PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION BECAME EFFECTIVE. THREE

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BURMESE OFFICIALS VISITED MEXICO, AND A HIGH CEMEF OFFICIAL TRIPPED TO WASHINGTON AND MIAMI. TWO US-BASED DEA AGENTS WERE

WOUNDED IN SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO. THREE CEMEF TREATMENT CENTERS WERE ESTABLISHED IN GUERRERO. THE MILITARY ZONE COMMANDER OF ACAPULCO SAID DRUG TRAFFIC HAD FALLEN OFF, BUT STATISTICS DID NOT BEAR HIM OUT. AND THE DIRECTOR OF CEMEF CENTER IN NAUCALPAN UNDERLINED THE PREVALENCE OF INHALENT AND MARIJUANA ABUSE IN MEXICO. SEIZURES WERE NOT SPECTACULAR BUT WERE RESPECTABLE, WITH HEROIN HALF OF MAY'S UNUSUAL TOTALS, OPIUM SLIGHTLY UP AND COCAINE SHARPLY DOWN ON LIGHT VOLUME. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY AND GOM ACTIVITIES

A. AS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S WASHINGTON VISIT (SEE REF A), ON JUNE 9 A TEAM OF DIPLOMATS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM STATE, AID AND DEA ARRIVED IN MEXICO TO HOLD WORKING-LEVEL CONFERENCES WITH THEIR MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS. IN TWO FULL MEETINGS CHAIRED AT THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATOR LEVEL, AND SEVERAL COLLATERAL GROUPS, THE TEAMS HAMMERED OUT PLANS AND PROJECTED NEEDS FOR THE NEXT ERADICATION CAMPAIGN, DESIGNED TO BEGIN IN MID-DECEMBER (SEE MEXICO 5277 AND MEXICO 5333).

B. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT AIMED AT FURTHER BOLSTERING THE UPCOMING CAMPAIGN, ON JUNE 25 AMBASSADOR JOVA AND THE AG EXCHANGED LETTERS TO EFFECT AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING THE GOM SOME \$4,300,000 IN BELL 212 HELICOPTERS (4), TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING. (SEE MEXICO 5724)

C. IN A CONVERSATION JUNE 24, THE DEPUTY AG UNDERLINED THE AG'S DETERMINATION TO MAKE THE NEXT ERADICATION CAMPAIGN A HUGE SUCCESS, AND EXPLAINED HIS WISH TO CARRY IT OUT IN THREE ZONES, THE NORTH, CENTRAL AND SOUTH (SEE MEXICO 5608).

D. A SIZABLE AMOUNT OF HELICOPTER CRASH DAMAGE (DUE TO HARD LANDINGS) ACCUMULATED IN JUNE, WITH A 206 AND 212 SUFFERING \$30,000 AND \$60,000 IN DAMAGES, RESPECTIVELY (MEXICO 5699).

E. WORK WAS BEGUN IN LATE JUNE ON THE SITE FOR THE NEW HANGAR FACILITY FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. BASED LARGELY  
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ON BELL HELICOPTER COMPANY SUGGESTED PLANS, THE NEW HANGAR WILL PROVIDE OPTIMUM SHOP AND STORAGE SPACE, AS WELL AS OFFICES AND OTHER SHELTER FOR MEN AND HELICOPTERS. MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING HANGAR HAS BEEN MUCH IMPROVED AS A TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY FACILITY, WITH THE CREATION OF LARGER STORAGE AREAS, THE ADDITION OF REFRIGERATION FACILITIES, MORE SHELVES, DIVIDERS, ETC.

F. THE GOM ADHERENCE TO THE PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION ENTERED INTO FORCE JUNE 24, WITH PUBLICATION IN THE MEXICAN FEDERAL

GAZETTE (MEXICO 5637).

G. AT THE END OF THE MONTH THREE HIGH-RANKING BURMESE OFFICIALS VISITED MEXICO BRIEFLY, AS PART OF A NARCOTICS ORIENTATION CONDUCTED CHIEFLY IN THE US.

H. ALSO AT MONTH'S END, DR TRIFON DE LA SIERRA, COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION AND INFORMATION OF THE MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH (CEMEF), VISITED MIAMI AND WASHINGTON. WITH TRIP FINANCED BY THE USG, DR DE LA SIERRA HELD A SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS WITH US OFFICIALS FROM NIDA, SAODAP, NIMH, ETC. (MEXICO 4699).

I. TWO US-BASED DEA AGENTS ON SURVEILLANCE IN SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO, SONORA WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED BY TRAFFICKERS; FORTUNATELY BOTH RECOVERED. DESPITE SOME PRESS REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, THE AGENTS' PRESENCE HAD BEEN CLEARED WITH GOM AUTHORITIES IN SAN LUIS.

J. ON THE OCCASION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE CEMEF TREATMENT/REHABILITATION CENTERS IN HIS STATE, GOV. FIGUEROA OF GUERRERO ADMITTED THAT HIS STATE WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF MARIJUANA, AND THAT IT AT LEAST PRODUCES OPIUM AS WELL. THE CENTERS WILL BE SET UP IN TAXCO, CHILPANCINGO AND ACAPULCO, ANNOUNCED DR BELSASSO OF CEMEF.

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K. THE COMMANDER OF THE 27TH MILITARY ZONE (ACAPULCO) SAID THAT THE PRODUCTION AND TRAFFIC OF DRUGS WAS DOWN IN COMPARISON TO OTHER YEARS, AND ATTRIBUTED THIS HAPPY STATE OF AFFAIRS TO (A) THE DEATH OF GUERRILLA LEADER LUCIO CABANAS, AND (B) TO THE GOM'S INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN. DESPITE THIS OPTIMISTIC DECLARATION, NOVEDADES CONCLUDED THAT THE OPIUM AND MARIJUANA TRAFFIC STILL CONTINUED IN LARGE VOLUME IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO. (THIS JUDGEMENT WOULD APPEAR VINDICATED BY THIS MONTH'S OPIUM SEIZURES.)

L. THE DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH CENTER IN NAUCALPAN STATED THAT MEXICAN MARIJUANA IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S STRONGEST; HE ALSO POINTED OUT THE PREVELANCE OF INHALENT ABUSE IN MEXICO, AND SAID THE GOM IS TRYING TO GET THE PRODUCERS OF INHALENTS TO ADD ADULTERANTS TO CHANGE THE ODORS.

2. GOM ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. WITH US AUTHORITIES

1.02 KG HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA; THREE ARRESTS.

9 KG OPIUM GUM TAKEN IN SAN LUIS DE LA LOMA; GUERRERO; 5 ARRESTED.

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4.424 KG. HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA; 6 ARRESTS.

858 KG MARIJUANA CONFISCATED IN CANANEA, SONORA; ONE DEFENDANT SOUGHT.

4.5 KG OPIUM GUM SEIZED IN TECPLAN DE LA GALEANA, GUERRERO; FIVE ARRESTS.

850 GM HEROIN TAKEN IN MONTERREY AND REYNOSA; ONE ARRESTED.

16.5 KG OPIUM GUM SEIZED IN TECPLAN, GUERRERO; 3 ARRESTED.

19 KG OPIUM OUM SEIZED IN ACAPULCO; TWO ARRESTS.

600 GM HEROIN TAKEN IN TIJUANA; ONE ARREST.

728 GM HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA; THREE ARRESTS.

450 GM HEROIN, 750 POUNDS MARIJUANA TAKEN AT NACO, SONORA; 4 ARRESTED.

10 KG OPIUM GUM SEIZED AT ANTELANGO DEL RIO, GUERRERO; 8 ARRESTS.

650 GM COCAINE SEIZED IN GUADALAJARA; 3 ARRESTED.

6 KG HEROIN TAKEN AT SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO, SONORA; 3 ARRESTS.

100 GM COCAINE SEIZED IN GUADALAJARA; 10 ARRESTED.

200 GM HEROIN TAKEN ON BUS HEADED FOR MEXICALI; ONE ARREST.

B. INDEPENDENT MEXICAN OPERATIONS

3 KG COCAINE SEIZED AT ESTACION DON, SONORA; 6 ARRESTED.

5 KG HEROIN TAKEN IN TIJUANA; 3 ARRESTS.

750 GM HEROIN SEIZED IN CUIDAD JUAREZ; 4 ARRESTED.

1.350 KG HEROIN CONFISCATED NEAR HERMOSILLO; 2 ARRESTS.

1.6 KG HEROIN SEIZED NEAR HERMOSILLO; ONE ARREST.

1.028 KG HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA; ONE ARREST.

7 TONS MARIJUANA TAKEN ON BOAT NEAR ZIHUATANEJO; 30 ARRESTED.

UNKNOWN AMT HEROIN CONFISCATED IN TIJUANA; 9 ARRESTED.

500 GM HEROIN TAKEN AT CULIACAN AIRPORT; ONE ARREST.

### 3. MONTHLY STATISTICAL WRAPUP (OFFICIAL GOM)

#### OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED 54

AREA IN SQUARE METERS 108,000 M2

OPIUM GUM 58.9 KG

SEEDS 3 KG

HEROIN 27.863 KG

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MORPHINE --

COCAINE 3.953 KG

#### DANGEROUS DRUGS

AMPHETAMINES 10,660 TABLETS

BARBITURATES 30 TABLETS

AMPHETAMINE POWDER 130 KG

#### MARIJUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED 691

AREA IN SQUARE METERS 1,609,549 M2

MARIJUANA (DRY) SEIZED 18.320 TONS

SEED 14.2 KG

HASHISH --

AIRCRAFT SEIZED 2

AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS 45

#### ARRESTS

FOREIGNERS (MOSTLY US)O 20

MEXICAN NATIONALS 123

(NOTE: THIS MONTH THE GOM SEIZURE STATISTICS FOR HEROIN, OPIUM AND COCAINE ACCORD ALMOST EXACTLY WITH THE EMBASSY'S

UNOFFICIAL COMPILATION BASED ON DEA REPORTS AND PRESS ACCOUNTS.  
CONTRARY TO THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN LAST MONTH'S MISSION  
REVIEW, THE SUSPECTED AMPHETAMINE POWDER SEIZED IN MAY WAS  
STILL UNDER GOING ANALYSIS AT THE AG'S LABORATORY AT THE TIME  
THE GOM MAY STATISTICS WERE COMPILED. IT SUBSEQUENTLY DID  
PROVE TO BE AMPHETAMINE POWDER, AND HENCE IS REPORTED IN THE  
JUNE STATISTICS, AS 130 KG.)

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